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EDITORIALS

LABOR PEACE

It has always been the belief of this newspaper that labor peace in the United States would come about only under a system of compulsory arbitration before impartial labor courts.

We still entertain that belief.

You can't have a ball game unless you have an umpire. And the umpire must be qualified and he must be neutral.

Arbitration between the parties involved in a dispute does not guarantee a peaceful settlement. Often it merely intensifies points of disagreement and makes settlement more difficult. Arbitration is a ladder upon the ground. Arbitration before a neutral tribunal with power to decide is a ladder set up!

An analogy, perhaps over simple for full application, would to leave the drivers of cars involved in an accident to decide who was at fault and the damages. This is fine if it works, but where beliefs and testimony differ greatly, you must "take it to the judge." And what he says goes!

Great study should preceed the setting up of labor courts. Perhaps a constitutional amendment would be required. The study ought to begin.

UNSIGNED LETTERS

Once again, we call attention to the requirement that "Letters to the Editor" must be signed with the name of the writer. We are always glad to receive letters giving the views of our readers, but unsigned letters will not be published.

WITH OTHER EDITORS

VANISHING WOODPECKERS

(Savannah News)

Make your own decision as to whether it is important or not, but the Audubon Society was quoted in a dispatch from New York last week as expressing the belief that the famous woodpecker is slowly but surely vanishing from the American scene, and that it may, who knows, in time join the dodo in oblivion!

It's hard to believe that this long-billed, red-hatched hammerer at tree trunks is about to become extinct. We thought we heard several of them in the woods the other day, outdoing an hydraulic drill in their efforts to build a home,a sound that signals the coming of spring as surely as a cricket sings with its hind legs!

Here's hoping the society's report is in error, and that this smart bird will be with us a long time. Lord knows we need him as an eloquent symbol of the truth that man is better off to use his head, say nothing and get his work done!

CAN WE BOMB RUSSIA?

(Winchester Star)

Secretary of the Air Force Symington told Congress the other day that it was possible to bomb Russia with existing B-29 bombers. The Superforts, he said, could use a new refueling technique, taking off from Alaska or Labrador, "bomb any part of Russia," and return either to the same bases or to the Philippines or Okinawa.

This is no doubt true. But it is also misleading. The secretary in his enthusiasm, probably didn't realize that he might be giving the public the impression that bombing Russia was a much more feasible proposition than it actually is.

American airmen's experience with bombing at extreme range during the last war was none too good. Fighters couldn't accompany the big planes. Even from surprise forays without enemy interference some of them didn't return. Bomb loads were necessarily small. For steady, effective strategic bombing with full loads, bases much closer to enemy targets were needed.

The advent of the atom bomb does not seem to have changed the picture greatly. These bombs must be dropped where they will have the greatest effect on enemy productivity. I, an attempt is made to use them at extreme range, the percentage of effective hits will fall sharply, and most of the bombs will be wasted on areas of little military importance.

Without bases close to enemy territory, it would be difficult to engage in sustained or decisive air operations, Symington pointed out. At present, he said, the nation has 55 combat air groups at skeleton peacetime strength, compared to 243 full-strength groups during the war.

Therefore it isn't surprising to hear the warning from Senator Byrd that the kind of military strength the nation apparantly must have is likely to cost $18,000,000,000 to $20,000,000,000 a year.

WHEN ARE YOU POLITE?

(Memphis Commercial Appeal)

Queerest among all the effects of the introduction of the automobile on the American scene, as far as we are concerned, is the fact that getting in behind the wheel of a car so frequently seems to eliminate politeness. Men and women who are the soul of courtesy in their homes, on the streets when walking, and in every other phase of their lives, snarl and mutter and forget their "raising" once they start driving.

Almost anyone experienced in such matters will say without reservation that lack of ordinary, normal courtesy is basically responsible for a great percentage of automobile accidents. It is something to think about seriously from the psychological as well as the physical and financial points of view. Why the man who says, "Excuse me!" if someone brushes into him on a sidewalk will turn the air blue if another driver fails to meet his ideas is a problem every driver might well try to figure out for himself.

ALL SEWED UP

(Wall Street Journal)

Mother was trying to discover which of her three youngsters had scrawled pictures on the back of her davenport, but all she could get were blank looks and repeated denials.

At length father intervened.

"Let me try," he whispered to the little woman.

"You?" she hooted. "Do you think you knew more about my children than I do?"

"Who knows?" rejoined daddy. "At least I can try."

He examined the scrawled pictures carefully.

"My goodness," he finally remarked, "but those are funny looking pockets here."

"They're not pockets," sniffed little Margie. "They're supposed to be buttons!"

And thus the culprit was revealed.

Renew your subscription.

Russia halts seizure o fplants in Germany. Seen as gesture to counter the Marshall Plan.

Virginia apple orchards receive damage from frost.

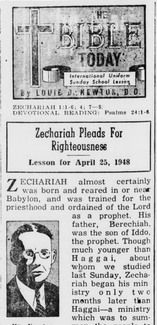
Delegate Robert Whitehead, of Nelson, asks Governor Tuck to call special session of General Assembly to aid schools.

DeGaulle asks French election.

Congress debates repeal of taxes on oleo.

British Palace Guards to resume bright garb.

Stassen hopes to get votes from Florida delegates.



ZECHARIAH 1:1-6, 7-8
DEVOTIONAL READING: Psalms 24:1-6

Zechariah Pleads For Righteousnese

Lesson for April 25, 1948

ZECHARIAH almost certainly was born and reared in or near Babylon, and was trained for the priesthood and ordained of the Lord as a prophet. His father, Berechiah was the son of Iddo the prophet. Though much younger than Haggai, about whom we studied last Sunday, Zechariah began his ministry only two months later than Haggai—a ministry which was to summon the people to righteousness as a condition essential in the rebuilding of the temple and in cleansing themselves of idolatry, if they were to throw off the yoke of their foes. The student will need to read the entire Book of Zechariah to have the background for this lesson. Also Psalm 24:1-6.

Dr. Newton

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LIVING TOGETHER IN GOD'S WAY

"TURN ye unto me, saith the Lord of hosts, and I will turn unto you," Zechariah 1:3. People cannot live together in peace and harmony until first they are on speaking terms with God. The insidious onslaught of secularism was weakening the Jews at the very moment when they needed to be strong and united for the task of rebuilding the temple and restoring their life in Jerusalem.

Read further into the prophecy of Zechariah and note the admonitions of the Lord for kindness one toward another—kindness and understanding and sincerity, which are the indispensable qualities of community life.

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WHAT MAKES A PEOPLE GREAT?

ZECHARIAH reminds the people that the downfall of their fathers had been due to their forgetfulness of God. He calls them now to repentance of their own sins, that they become truly a great people. "Fear not, but let your hands be strong," Zechariah 8:13.

"What makes a nation great
and strong?
Not brick, nor stone, nor wood,
But justice, love and brotherhood."

Boys and girls will do well to look again at what this old prophet was saying. We long to see the United States a truly great nation. Then let us be strong in the Lord.

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GOD HAS A STANDARD

READ chapter seven, verses 8-14, and 8:16-17, for some of the standards which God sets up for his people. "Execute true judgment, and show kindness and compassion every man to his brother. Oppress not the widow, the orphan, the foreigner, or the poor, and never plot evil in your hearts against one another."

Zechariah is here epitomizing the Ten Commandments and the Sermon on the Mount. All of which is to remind us today that we do not need new standards. We simply need to conform to God's eternal standards.

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GOD IS TO BE SOUGHT UNTO

THE first eight chapters of Zechariah have to do with the essential qualities of life if the people are to rebuild the temple. The last six chapters deal with the general standards of life which we must accept and strive to attain if we are to be well-pleasing unto him. I like the phrase of the fathers, "God is to be sought unto." And how are we to come into the presence of the Lord? "He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, now sworn deceitfully," Psalms 24:4.

It was not enough to rebuild the temple. God wanted his people to become living stones of integrity and fidelity in the city of God.

This we shall attain only as we seek first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness—constantly seek this daily walk with the Lord, in the light of his word.

"Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people."

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By the Bible

If we abide by the principles taught in the Bible, our country will go on prospering and to prosper; but if we and our posterity neglect its instructions and authority, no man can tell how sudden a catastrophe may overwhelm us and bury all our glory in profound obscurity. —Daniel Webster.

Girl Prodigy, 8, Preaches Gospel To Her Elders

She has Received Silver Loving Cups from Interdenominational Congregations in Many Parts of The World

LOS ANGELES.—Slender, brown-haired, eight-year-old Renee Martz has preached to audiences totalling 200,000 in virtually every major city in the world.

Renee is every bit as talented and captivating as Shirley Temple was at that age. But there isn't a chance in a million of Renee becoming a child movie star.

"You are not interested in movies —you don't even go to see them," solemnly explains Renee, "if you are saved."

There isn't much chance that Renee will change her ideas about the movies. Her father doesn't like movies. Her mother doesn't like movies. Her tutor doesn't like movies.

Just to clinch the matter, Renee doesn't like movies.

Australia to Texas

In little more than a year, Renee has preached to audiences totalling 200,000, in virtually every major city in the world. Of this number, says her father, Jack Martz, Renee has "led 6,000 souls up to the altar to confess their sins and accept Jesus Christ."

She has received silver loving cups from interdenominational congregations in Belfast, Ireland, Perth, Australia, and Houston, Tex.

Renee is a brown-eyed moppet who wears cowgirl boots at revival meetings and preaches the gospel with fervor and natural sincerity. She likes chewing gum, dolls, animals, traveling—and preaching.

She doesn't go to school. Her formal education is provided by her family and her tutor, Ruby May James.

"She went to school once for three weeks," her father says, "but the principal told her not to come back for two years, she was so far advanced."

Renee has an almost adult vocabulary and an exceptionally retentive memory. Her father says she memorized 200 nursery rhymes at the age of 3.

Cross in Sky

Her father, a former Reading, Pa., hosiery mill worker, began preaching in 1933, two years after meeting his wife, Esther, who plays a saxophone at the Martz revivals.

Renee was born April 21, 1940, at a Swedish Covenant hospital in Chicago, and began preaching in 1946 in Oklahoma City. She explains simply: "I got the call."

One afternoon she saw "a red cross in the sky." Renee says "and I heard a voice from somewhere say, 'You go and preach the gospel.'" She told her father and the following night Renee preached her first sermon.

Australia is probably Renee's favorite country. She lectures like a professor on Australian aborigines. Stories of the Australian bush excite her imagination as cowboy-and-Indian stories excite American children.

And what does Renee want to be when she grows up?

What else but—"A preacher."

Jap Hermit, 60, gets 2,100 Replies to Ad for a Wife

TOKYO. — The bald, 60-year old hermit of Tokyo said he is trying to decide which of 2,100 applicants to make his bride.

Ichiro Akimoto said he is wavering between an eager 55-year-old woman with half a million yen and a 19-year-old geisha.

Other Japanese men seem puzzled over the hermit's appeal. But they appear to accept his boast that 2,100 women have answered his advertisement for a wife.

Akimoto lives in a dingy little house, but makes a handsome profit from his modern, competitive postwar profession: Rolling tobacco from cigarette butts into new cigarettes.

He said he will settle 20,000 yen on his wife after the wedding, invest 3,000 yen in a business for her, and provide 2,000 yen a month for living expenses. At official exchange, a yen is worth two cents, U. S.; in the black market, far less than that.

He also said he'd throw in a sewing machine (so she can earn more money) and perhaps a bicycle.

"But I don't know about that bicycle," he reconsidered. "There was a 28-year-old girl who almost drove her mother crazy to let her marry me. I bought her a bicycle. Then we quarrelled. She kept the bicycle . . ."

Prisoner Conceals Homework Behind Picture of Landscape

ABERDEEN, MISS.—Day after day a prisoner had been lying on his bunk and admiring a landscape which he tore from a magazine and put on the jail wall.

Now the prisoner has disappeared. So has the picture.

So has the portion of wall which the picture covered.

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Evergreen

Evergreen, April 20.- Mrs. Jimmie Evans continues ill.

Mrs. H. B. Stanley spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Cheatham.

Mrs. J. R. Conner, who has been ill, is reported to be better.

Paul Ferguson and two children Betsy and Gregory, were Saturday night guests of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Glover and family. They were accompanied home by Miss Eulalia Glover, who spent the night with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Evans, of Roanoke spent the week-end with his sisters, Miss Blannie Evans and Mrs. Lizzie Hodge. They also visited his sister, Mrs. Eddie Warriner Monday.

Mrs. Mary Sullivan, of Lynchburg and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Glover, of Crewe called to see Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Glover Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Staples spent the week-end in Lynchburg with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Sam White.

Carl and Billy Ferguson and sister, Lucile Ferguson called to see Miss Betsy Ferguson Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Paulette, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Paulett visited Mr. and Mrs. Archie LeGrands Sunday.

Miss Elnora Glover was the Monday night guest of Miss Anna Harris at Oakville.

Rupert Garrett, of Norfolk spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Green Garrett.

Miss JoAnn Harris spent Sunday night with her cousin, Miss Marylin Harris.

Mrs. Al Garrett spent the week-end with her sister in Richmond.

The Rev. and Mrs. Cecil Carter have returned, after spending a few days with relatives in Richmond.

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Bethany

Bethany, April 21.- Mr. and Mrs. Edd Moore, of Charlotte C. H. spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. P. O. Paulette.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Dudley, Miss Thalia Harvey and Mr. and Mrs. Wylie Richardson and son, of Lynchburg visited Mr. and Mrs. Matt Harvey over the week-end.

Miss Antia Paulette spent Sunday night with Dorothy Ann Paulette.

Mr. and Mrs. David Paulette and daughter visited Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Morris, of Madisonville Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Paulette and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Paulette visited Mrs. D. R. Inge Sunday afternoon.

The Bethany Home Demonstration Club met with Mrs. Cal Ranson Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Elliott, of Danville recently visited Mr. and Mrs. P. O. Paulette.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Paulette of Lynchburg visited Mr. and Mrs. P. O. Paulette Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. David Paulette and daughter visited Mrs. Edd Moore, of Charlotte Court House Thursday morning.

Rocks News

Rocks, April 20.- The recent rains have handicapped the farmers in plowing and planting.

The Home Demonstration Club presidents and secretaries met in Mrs. B. G. Anderson's office at Appomattox last Monday afternoon. Miss Lucy Blake gave suggestions for the 1948 program.

Mr. and Mrs. Purcell Hamlett and son, of Phenix spent Wednesday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Dickerson.

Lewis Dickerson sowed some grass seed for J. W. Dickerson on Tuesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Jones and children, of Newport News were visiting Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Marsh recently.

Mrs. Robert Roach and Cassie Baldwin attended the Appomattox Association at Beulah Baptist Church Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Gow left Monday for Battle Creek, Mich. Rodney Roach took them to Lynchburg to catch the train.

Mrs. D. W. Jinkins and son, Emmett, of Lynchburg were in the neighborhood Saturday.

Mrs. D. R. Inge, Mrs. D. W. Dinkins and Emmett were dinner guests of Mrs. W. F. Ranson and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Frank Ranson Saturday.

Cal Ranson was dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Ranson Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Inge, of Farmville spent Saturday night with Mrs. D. R. Inge.

Little Pearl Katherine Ranson was quite sick Saturday. The doctor was to see her that night.

H. Y. Goins is not so well.

Mr. and Mrs. Hudson Dickerson and son, of Brookneal were visiting Mr. and Mrs. L. K. Almond on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Toby Inge took Mrs. J. A. Garrett to Richmond Sunday.

The Rev. and Mrs. C. G. Carter were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edd Roach Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Dickerson and children were to see Mr. and Mrs. H. Y. Goins recently.

Mrs. J. W. Dickerson went to see the doctor at Appomattox on Tuesday morning.

Ryland, Betty and George Edward Taylor are out again after having the mumps.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Gowin and daughter, of Lynchburg and O. D. Maxwell, of Richmond attended Sunday School and preaching service at Rocks Sunday morning.

Stonewall

Stonewall, April 20.- All the folks around here are all smiles. They have at last gotten lights.

There was preaching at Stonewall Church Sunday morning, by Rev. Rice, of Richmond.

Miss Annie Alvis, of Richmond, Ky., spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Alvis, Sr.

Misses Frances Jennings, of Charlottesville and Lee Carter, of Altavista spent the week-end at their homes here.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Caldwell had as their guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Paulette, of Dukes Branch; Mr. and Mrs. Pete Dickenson and son, Fred, of Spout Spring and Mary Archer Caldwell, of Lynchburg.

Rev. W. M. Black preached at Hebron Church last Sunday morning at 10:00 o'clock. He is always a welcomed guest in our community.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Chick had as their callers last Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beard and son, Lawrence; Mr. Clayton Drinkard, Virginia, Madeline and Eloise Drinkard, Christine and Bobbie Herndon.

Misses Betsy and Bertra Wheeler have returned from a visit in North Carolina.

Mrs. Jack Caldwell, Jr. and baby are spending awhile with her parents, in North Carolina.

Richwood

Richwood, April 21.- There will be services at Wesley Chapel Church Sunday at 3 P. M.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Woodall, of Lynchburg were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Pugh.

Mr. J. I. Brown was in Lynchburg Friday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Powell and Mr. Rudolph Powell, of Roanoke, were week-end guests of Mrs. Annie Powell and other relatives.

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Mr. T. T. Pugh and son, Lynn, of Lynchburg spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Pugh.

Mr. A. W. Arrington, of Richmond was a week-end guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Arrington.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Clapp, of Richmond spent the week-end with Mrs. Clapp's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Harvey.

Mr. G. I. Watt, who has spent the winter in Washington, D. C., and who just recently returned to his home here, left Sunday to pick up Mrs. Watt and the balance of his furniture, returning Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Godsey and Mr. H. S. Trent, of Lynchburg called at the home of Mr. Floyd Trent Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Martin and family, of Hixburg were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Carter Martin and Mr. Lloyd Lewis.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Blackwell, Jr. were in Lynchburg Tuesday on business.

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Potato growers to vote on plan for production control.

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Homer Does Some "Back-Seat Sewing!"

Homer Bentley's missus was working on her new sewing machine, when Homer comes in, draws up a chair, and starts talking: "Don't you think you're running too fast?" he says. "Slow down! Watch out! Be careful!"

When the missus finally turns with murder in her eyes, Homer says goodnaturedly: "I thought you might like a little help, dear—like you help me drive the car."

The missus can't help but burst out laughing—and they settle what might have been a quarrel over a friendly glass of beer. The missus agrees to give up back-seat driving and nagging; Homer about ashes on the rug. Homer agrees to quit criticizing Sarah's taste for flowery hats and parsley salad.

From where I sit, the key to getting on together is meeting every issue half way—and overlooking any petty differences in tastes—whether these tastes apply to beer or flowery-looking hats!

Joe Marsh

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